

Remarks

In the present non-final action, claims 1-10 and 17-23 were rejected, while claims 11-16 are allowed. The drawings were objected to as not showing all the features of claim 1.

In this response, claims 1-10 are canceled, thereby obviating the related rejections and the corresponding objection to the drawings. Claims 17-23 are amended to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph, grounds for rejection. Claims 17-23 were indicated allowable if amended to overcome the Section 112, second paragraph, grounds for rejection, and therefore should now be allowed. Claims 11-16 were allowed in the last action. Finally, a new claim 24 is added, depending from claim 22. Claim 24 finds support at least in Figs. 1-4.

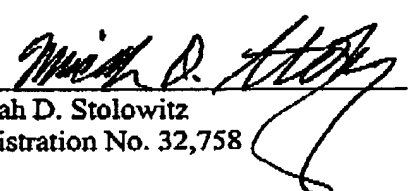
For these reasons, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance without delay.

The Examiner is invited to please telephone the undersigned if any issues remain. Mr. Stolowitz can generally be reached directly at 503-294-9189, M-F, 8:00 to 5:30 PT.

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